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line 15, after "document" and insert --data--; line 16, after "document" and insert --data--.

Page 19, line 2, after "data" insert --to be utilized--;
line 4, after "combined", insert --and--;
line 4, delete "function" and insert --functions--;
line 4, delete "being" and insert --may be--.

REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, the specification was amended to correct minor errors, as well as to include a description of newly added Figs. 4A-4E and 5A-5E (enclosed with the attached Request for Approval and Acceptance of Formal Drawings). These amendments mirror those submitted on January 7, 1997 in the parent application Serial No. 08/895,493.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney, at the telephone number indicated below, to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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Enclosures: Submission of Formal Drawings for Figs. 4A-4E and Figs. 5A-5E

